

Appendix table 7-7

## Visitors to informal science and other cultural institutions, by respondent characteristic: 2008

(Percent)

Characteristic	Informal science institution				Public library	Art museum
	Zoo/aquarium	Natural history museum	Science/technology museum	Any informal science institution <sup>a</sup>		
All adults ( <i>n</i> = 2,021)	52	28	27	61	64	34
Sex						
Male ( <i>n</i> = 918)	49	30	29	59	59	32
Female ( <i>n</i> = 1,103)	55	26	25	63	69	35
Formal education						
<High school ( <i>n</i> = 283)	34	12	8	39	44	11
High school graduate ( <i>n</i> = 632)	44	17	16	51	53	15
Some college ( <i>n</i> = 550)	56	33	32	68	74	41
Baccalaureate ( <i>n</i> = 356)	66	45	42	76	75	55
Graduate/professional degree ( <i>n</i> = 200)	68	42	47	79	81	69
Science/mathematics education <sup>b</sup>						
Low ( <i>n</i> = 1,199)	44	19	18	52	57	22
Middle ( <i>n</i> = 340)	62	42	38	76	74	51
High ( <i>n</i> = 395)	69	43	44	79	82	56
Family income (quartile) <sup>c</sup>						
Top ( <i>n</i> = 381)	65	46	43	78	70	50
Second ( <i>n</i> = 485)	59	31	31	68	69	37
Third ( <i>n</i> = 411)	50	20	20	56	60	26
Bottom ( <i>n</i> = 506)	38	18	16	46	64	22
Age (years) <sup>c</sup>						
18–24 ( <i>n</i> = 173)	56	33	38	74	73	45
25–34 ( <i>n</i> = 346)	65	29	26	71	68	34
35–44 ( <i>n</i> = 377)	62	30	32	67	70	32
45–54 ( <i>n</i> = 421)	50	31	25	61	61	34
55–64 ( <i>n</i> = 335)	48	26	26	55	62	34
≥65 ( <i>n</i> = 354)	30	18	14	38	53	26
Minor children at home <sup>c</sup>						
Yes ( <i>n</i> = 718)	62	33	31	70	72	31
No ( <i>n</i> = 1,293)	46	25	24	56	60	36

<sup>a</sup>Visited zoo/aquarium, natural history museum, or science/technology museum at least once.<sup>b</sup>Low = ≤5 high school and college science/math courses; middle = 6–8 courses; high = ≥9 courses. Categories do not add to total *n* because "don't know" and "refused" responses not shown.<sup>c</sup>Categories do not add to total *n* because "don't know" and "refused" responses not shown.

NOTES: Responses to *I am going to read you a short list of places and ask you to tell me how many times you visited each type of place during the last year, that is, the last 12 months*. Percentages indicate individuals who visited institution at least once. Percentages based on *n* in each row, including those who responded "don't know" or refused to respond.

SOURCE: University of Chicago, National Opinion Research Center, General Social Survey (2008).

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